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of the

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Chief Public Health Inspector

for the Year 1964

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July, 1965.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Northwich Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

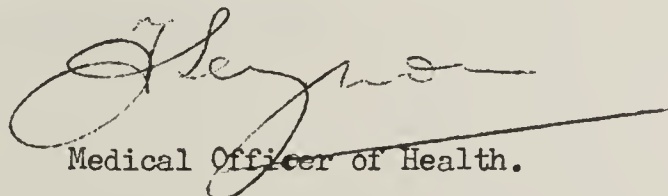
I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the environmental health and sanitary circumstances of the Council's district for the year 1964.

For the information of Members I have attached as an appendix my Annual Report to the Divisional Health Committee.

I would once again like to express my appreciation to Mr. Baines, the Staff of the Public Health Department and the Council's Chief Officers for their co-operation and help during the year.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient Servant,


Medical Officer of Health.

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SECTION I

GENERAL AND VITAL STATISTICS

(1) GENERAL STATISTICS

Population (estimated mid-year 1964)	19,460
Area (acres of district)	2,626
Number of inhabited dwellings	6,339
Rateable Value of Area at 1.4.64.	£1,447,156
Product of Penny Rate, 1964/65 - Estimated	£5,970

Comparative Statistics - 1963/4

	Year	
	1963	1964
Population	19,620	19,460
Rateable Value	£1,443,631	£1,447,156
Product of Penny Rate (estimated)	£5,970	£5,970
Number of inhabited dwellings	6,384	6,339

(2) VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	154	140	294
Illegitimate	<u>13</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>15</u>
	<u>167</u>	<u>142</u>	<u>309</u>

Crude Birth Rate per 1000 population ... 15.9

*Corrected Live Birth Rate per 1000 population ... 16.8
(Comparability Factor 1.06)

Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total births... 4.9

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Still Births</u>	3	6	9
<u>Live and Still Births</u>	170	148	318

Stillbirth Rate per 1000 total live and still births... 28.3

<u>Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1	2	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-

* see Page 2.

Infant Mortality Rates

Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 total live births ...	...	9.7
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under four weeks) per 1000 total live births ...	...	3.2
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week) per 1000 total live births ...	...	3.2
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1000 total live and still births) ...	...	31.5
<u>Maternal Mortality</u> (including abortion) ...	...	Nil

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
All causes	131	137	268
Death Rate per 1000 population	...	...	13.8
+Corrected Death Rate per 1000 population (Comparability Factor 1.00)	...	...	13.8

+NOTE: The corrected birth and death rates are those which are obtained when the crude local rates are adjusted to make allowance for the way in which the sex and age distribution of the local population differs from that for England and Wales. The corrected rates are comparable with the crude rates for England and Wales, and the corresponding adjusted rates for any other area.

Causes of Death

As will be seen from the following table the two principal causes of death were diseases of the heart and circulation which caused approximately 52% of the deaths, and cancer which caused approximately 19%.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	-	1
2. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	5	4	9
3. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	9	2	11
4. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	6	6
5. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	6	9	15
6. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	2	3
7. Diabetes	2	1	3
8. Vasular lesions of nervous system	12	26	38
9. Coronary disease, angina	27	20	47
10. Hypertension with heart disease	3	1	4
11. Other heart disease	10	25	35
12. Other circulatory disease	13	10	23
13. Influenza	2	3	5
14. Pneumonia	2	3	5
15. Bronchitis	18	6	24
16. Other diseases of respiratory system	2	2	4
17. Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	-	2
18. Congenital malformations	2	3	5
19. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	7	12	19
20. Motor Vehicle accidents	3	-	3
21. All other accidents	2	2	4
22. Suicide	2	-	2
	<u>131</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>268</u>

SECTION II

HEALTH SERVICES

(1) Information concerning the County Health Services in the area such as Home Help, Chiropody Service, Care and After Care equipment, are given in the Appendix to this Report, and further details may be obtained from the Divisional Medical Officer at the Divisional Medical Office, David Street, Northwich. Telephone number - Northwich 4251.

(2) HOSPITAL FACILITIES

The Northwich Urban District lies within the area of the Manchester Regional Hospital Board, whose offices are at Cheetwood Road, Manchester, 8. Telephone number - Deansgate 6441.

Several meetings of the Mid Cheshire Hospital Facilities Committee have been held during the year. It is pleasing to note after the comments in last year's Report that the District Council was kept fully informed of the future plans of the Regional Hospital Board. The Council endorsed the change in the accident service at the Northwich Infirmary and supported the recommendation to the Ministry of Health that a new District Hospital be built to the north west of Crewe at Leighton.

(3) LABORATORY FACILITIES

Specimens and samples taken by the Health Department are submitted for examination to the Chester Public Health Laboratory.

(4) AMBULANCE SERVICE

The ambulance service is provided by the County Council and is under radio control from central control at County Hall, Chester. All 999 calls made by members of the public are immediately connected to this central control. The arrangement for non-urgent calls is that the patient or general practitioner should ring the Northwich Depot - Telephone number: Northwich 3355.

(5) MIDWIFERY & HOME NURSING, Health Visitors, Clinics, Old People's Clubs, Facilities for the Elderly, Physically Handicapped Club, Family Planning Clinic, Mothers' Club - see Appendix.

S E C T I O N I I I

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948-1951

Section 47

Under this Section when persons (a) are suffering from grave chronic disease or, being aged, infirm or physically incapacitated, are living in insanitary conditions, and (b) are unable to devote to themselves, and are not receiving from other persons, proper care and attention, the local authority may apply to a Court of Summary Jurisdiction for an Order to remove the person to a suitable place.

With regard to the expeditious procedure as laid down in the National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951, the Medical Officer of Health or any duly qualified person acting for the Medical Officer of Health is authorised by the Council to make the requisite application to a Justice of the Peace.

Section 50

Under this Section the District Council has the duty to arrange for the the burial of any person who has died in their area, if no suitable arrangements for the disposal of the body are being made.

It was not necessary to take any action under either of these Sections during the year.

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S E C T I O N I V

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

(1) NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The following are the infectious diseases notified for the years 1963 and 1964:-

DISEASE	Cases	Notified
	1964	1963
Dysentery	1	-
Measles	185	157
Scarlet Fever	18	10
Whooping Cough	26	4
Pneumonia	-	5

SECTION V

SANITARY INSPECTION AND SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

VISITS BY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF

Housing Inspections

Number of visits and revisits to houses under Public Health Acts	301
Number of visits and revisits to houses under Housing Acts	558
Visits to houses under Rent Acts	9
Visits to houses in connection with Improvement Grants	124
Drain Tests	30

Inspection of Food and Food Premises

Visits to Butchers' Shops	56
Visits to Fish Shops	8
Visits to Grocers' Shops	82
Visits to Ice-Cream premises	11
Visits to Restaurants and Canteens	88
Visits to Bakehouses and Confectioners	19
Visits to Dairies	16
Visits to Slaughterhouses	938
Visits to Market and Supermarkets	338

Infectious Disease, Rodent & Vermin

Number of houses inspected for vermin	26
Number of rooms disinfected	38
Revisits	39
Visits where Infectious Disease has occurred	7
Visits in connection with Rodent Control	375

Other Visits

Visits and Inspections of Factories	75
Visits in connection with water supply	4
Interviews	739
Visits in connection with The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.	237
Miscellaneous Visits (including visits in connection with the Aberdeen Typhoid outbreak)	540
Visits and Observations re Atmospheric Pollution	87
Hairdressers and Barbers	10
Visits and Inspections re Refuse Collection & Disposal	301
Visits to Moveable Dwellings (Caravans)	14

(1) WATER SUPPLY

The water services are under the control of the Mid and South East Cheshire Water Board, whose offices are at Weaverham Grange, Northwich.

The supply of the area has been satisfactory both in quality and quantity.

During the course of the year, the Water Board submitted copies of the bacteriologist's reports on 110 samples of water taken in the Northwich Urban District. All samples were satisfactory.

In addition the Public Health Department took 2 samples of water and submitted them to the Chester Public Health Laboratory for examination. Both were satisfactory.

The water in the district is not liable to have a plumbo-solvent action.

There are no stand-pipes in the Urban District.

(2) PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

Swimming attendances increased to a new peak of 115,771. This is 13,000 more than last year, which was thought at the time to be an absolute maximum. It is significant to note, however, that the increases all took place during the winter months. As the baths are showing constant maximum attendances in the summer months it is obvious there is a need for extra bathing facilities, either at Northwich or in the surrounding area.

The slipper bath attendances show a slight decline.

During the closed period of one month (mid January to Mid February) the tiled surround was re-laid.

In view of the very high attendance constant supervision of the condition of the baths water is necessary. The chemical equipment and filters are coping satisfactorily, but the latter have required more frequent washing out. The chlorine residual in the pool is checked by the attendants every two hours using a colorimeter set. Likewise the alkalinity is checked twice per day.

The 7 samples of water taken for bacteriological examination during the year were satisfactory.

Paddling Pool - Church Walk

This amenity was in full use during the summer months and is filled and emptied twice weekly; the water is treated with sodium hypochlorite solution.

(3) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

There are two closets existing in the district. Both are chemical closets and access into the sewers is not possible.

(4) REFUSE COLLECTION

The trend towards lighter and bulkier refuse with an absence of ashes continues. The partial remedy for this change is the provision of more

modern vehicles which are capable of compressing refuse. Householders can also assist by saving clean waste paper this being a valuable salvable material and, if kept separately, can provide extra income which helps to off-set the increase in costs.

The sale of paper salvage was most satisfactory and the amount sold in both tonnage and value was a record amount and provided a reasonable sum of money to set off against the costs of these essential refuse collection services. Kitchen waste and other salvage materials are also collected by the Department.

The amount of salvage collected and sold during the year was as follows:-

	Tons	cwts	qrs.	£.	s.	d.
Total Paper Salvage	543.	14.	1.	4,654.	15.	-.
Kitchen Waste	66.	17.	8.	234.	1.	11.
Scrap Metal & Rags	4.	18.	1.	60.	17.	11.
Totals	615.	10.	1.	4,949.	14.	10.

It is anticipated that during 1965 some further 50 houses will be provided with paper sacks in lieu of dustbins. These houses have difficult access and the sacks should make the task of the workmen safer and easier.

During 1964 approximately 300 bins were provided as renewals, these being a charge on the Rate Fund.

(5) DISPOSAL OF REFUSE

Whilst the disposal of refuse was carried out satisfactorily, difficulties began to arise at the end of 1964 regarding the availability of future tipping sites. The main refuse tip situated off the New Warrington Road was used under a temporary licence, with a view to purchase. Unfortunately, difficulties arose between the Owners and the District Valuer regarding an agreement on the price. It is anticipated that whilst there are some immediate difficulties with regard to future sites, this is mainly due to reaching suitable agreements with the owners of the various sites rather than sites not being available.

Planning permission was received in respect of a small area to the west of Oak Street for tipping. This is only a comparatively small site the main object being to raise the level of the site to that of adjoining land, and so make it ultimately available for development of light industry.

Objections having been received from the householders in Oak Street in respect of this proposed tipping, Council representatives agreed to meet the residents, explain their proposals, and consider the objections of the people concerned. This meeting proved most satisfactory, and as a result of assurances given by the Council and their officials, the objections were withdrawn.

(6) CANAL BOATS

The number of boats registered with the Authority is 99.

(7) LICENSED CARAVAN SITES

There are no licensed caravan sites in Northwich. Some minor difficulties have arisen through the parking of caravans by unauthorised persons, but it is usually possible by informal action to clear these vehicles. Probably one of the causes of this casual parking of caravans

is that the sites in question are near to a fairground which is used for winter quarters by show people and the unauthorised caravan dwellers feel that they have a right to the same privileges as the authorised show people. Unfortunately, many of these unauthorised caravan dwellers abuse the position by a lack of sanitary facilities, engaging in the business of scrap metal dealers, and in many cases creating nuisances which bring complaints from near-by householders.

In 1961 action was taken under the Cheshire County Council Act, 1953, to clear a site which was constantly occupied by caravans and the Magistrates made the following Order:-

"That no moveable dwellings of any kind shall be placed within a radius of 200 yards from the site of a caravan then situated on land fronting Warrington Old Road, Northwich, adjacent to the southerly boundary of the site of a disused railway line."

(8) RODENT CONTROL

One man is employed as a rodent control operative. Refuse tips in use or sites formerly used as such receive regular inspections so that any infestations can be treated. A free service to householders is provided and the preliminary survey of business premises is carried out free of cost. No full-scale sewer treatment has been carried out during the year, but in isolated cases sections of the public sewer have been treated and a summary of action is given below.

RODENT CONTROL DURING 1964

	Local Auth- ority	TYPE OF PROPERTY		Totals
		Dwelling Houses	All Other (including business premises)	
1. Number of properties inspected as a result of notification	3	73	48	124
2. Number of such properties found to be infested by:				
Common Rat	3	57	28	88
Ship Rat	-	-	-	-
House Mouse	-	16	20	36
3. Number of properties inspected in the course of survey under the Act	2	-	21	23
4. Number of such properties found to be infested by:				
Common Rat	2	-	4	6
5. Total inspections carried out - including re-inspections	15	180	153	348
6. Number of infested properties treated by Local Authority	5	72	52	129
7. Number of 'Block Control' schemes carried out	NIL			

(9) DISINFESTATION OF PREMISES

A free service is available in respect of certain insect infestations such as beetles, bugs, but only in exceptional cases for ant infestations. Where treatment was not given, advice is available for treating such insects.

Treatment was given at 26 premises, the details of which are given below:-

Beetles	...	...	...	15
Bed Bugs	...	...	...	9
Ants	...	...	...	1
Wasps Nests	...	...	...	1

(10) RAG, FLOCK AND OTHER FILLINGS MATERIALS ACT, 1951

One factory is registered under the above Act and the standards continue to be very high.

(11) PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

There are four licensed premises; these have been inspected and are satisfactory.

(12) CHESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ACT, 1953
Registration of Hairdressers and Barbers

The number of premises shows a decrease of 2 as compared with last year, there now being 42 hairdressers and barbers registered with the Authority.

(13) CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

No progress has been made during the year in the creation of any clean air zones in the town. In spite of this many people are carrying out adaptations so that they are able to have electric or gas heating or fitting fires suitable for the burning of solid smokeless fuel. There is no doubt that many people would burn this type of fuel if it was readily available, but the better varieties of this type of fuel are in short supply in this district.

During the latter half of the year there was a considerable improvement in the smoke problem which had previously arisen in connection with the activities of British Railways. There had been difficulties in obtaining the right type of diesel engine for the very heavy work involved in supplying the Chemical Industries in the district. However, it is pleasing to note that an increasing use has been made by British Railways of diesel engines and that the standard and care in stoking steam locomotives has shown a great improvement.

On occasions during the year nuisances have arisen from other industries in the town as a result of mechanical breakdowns or occasionally to climatic conditions. There is a large concentration of heavy industry in Northwich in a comparatively small area, the majority of its emissions to atmosphere being under the supervision of the Alkali Inspectorate. From time to time visits are made with H.M. Alkali Inspectors and every co-operation is received. Further conversions to oil firing are expected at one works belonging to the firm in question, and whilst this may assist in diminishing grit emission from solid fuel stoking, there will be the problem of sulphur dioxide emission.

(14) MORTUARY

The mortuary consists of a post-mortem room, a refrigerator with space for three bodies, the waiting room and a chapel or viewing room. It is

available for the whole of the Urban District and certain adjoining parishes of the Rural District.

The mortuary was used for 94 bodies in 1964, and of these 33 were admissions under the authority of the police where death was due to other than normal circumstances. The other 61 were deaths either from private houses, the mortuary being used as a Chapel of Rest, or from Weaver Hall or the local Infirmary. It is expected that when the alterations have been completed at Weaver Hall they will have their own mortuary facilities, the present arrangement being merely a temporary expedient.

(15) FACTORIES ACT, 1961

The main source of employment in Northwich is at the various chemical works which are owned by I.C.I. Ltd. The other industries include a steel works, shipbuilding yards, leather works and clothing factories.

FACTORIES INSPECTION

1. Inspections for Purposes of Provisions as to Health

PREMISES	No. on Register	Inspect-ions	No. of	
			Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities (Factories with no mechanical power)	4	8	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities (Factories with mechanical power)	84	65	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	39	2	-	-
TOTAL	127	75	-	-

Cases in which defects were found:--

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	3	3	-	3	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	4	2	-	4	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	7	5	-	7	-

Outworkers

During 1964 there was one person employed as an outworker to a Clothing Factory in the District.

(16) SHOPS ACT, 1950

This Act is administered by the Northwich Urban District Council as agents for the Cheshire County Council as regards closing hours etc.

(17) OFFICES SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

This Act came into force on the 1st May, 1964, and has created a large increase in duties in the Department. There have been 307 premises registered and a table is included giving details which have been returned as an Annual Report to the Ministry of Labour as required by the Act.

The Act makes provision for securing the health, safety and welfare of persons employed to work in office or shop premises and provision for securing the health, safety and welfare of persons employed to work in certain railway premises; to amend certain provisions of the Factories Act 1961; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid.

Table ARegistrations and General Inspections

	No. of premises registered during year	No. of premises registered at end of year	No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection
Offices	73	73	1
Retail Shops	215	215	16
Wholesale Shops and Warehouses	8	8	2
Catering Establishments open to the public, canteens	8	8	-
Fuel Storage Depots	3	3	-
TOTALS	307	307	19

Table B

Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors
to Registered Premises 237

Table C

Analysis of persons employed in registered
premises by Workplace

Class of Workplace	Number of persons employed
Offices	1523
Retail Shops	815
Wholesale depts., Warehouses	85
Catering Establishments open to public	59
Canteens	14
Fuel Storage Depots	5
TOTAL	2501
Total MALES	1087
Total FEMALES	1414

Table D

EXEMPTIONS

<u>Part I - SPACE:</u>	There were no applications for exemption in this category made or refused during the year in any class of premises
<u>Part II - TEMPERATURE:</u>	- do -
<u>Part III - SANITARY CONVENIENCES</u>	- do -
<u>Part IV - WASHING FACILITIES</u>	- do -

Table E

PROSECUTIONS

No prosecutions were instituted during the year.

Table F

INSPECTORS

No. of Inspectors appointed under Section 52(1) or (5) of the Act	...	...	3
No. of other staff employed for most of their time on work in connection with the Act	...	...	Nil

Each of these premises requires to be individually inspected, records have to be kept and owners and occupiers notified of shortcomings which are discovered at the time of the inspection.

(18) SLUM CLEARANCE

In the 1963 Annual Report reference was made to an area in the Castle Ward which was likely to be dealt with in 1964. Four Clearance Areas were represented:-

- Castle No.1 Clearance Area consisting in Part 1 of 36 individual unfit houses, and in Part 2 of 18 fit houses, but included in the area by reason of their bad arrangement.
- Castle No.2 Clearance Area consisted of 4 unfit houses
- Castle No.3 Clearance Area consisted of 3 unfit houses
- Castle No.4 Clearance Area consisted of Part 1, one unfit house and Part 2, 4 fit houses included in the area by reason of their bad arrangement.

These Clearance areas, along with other adjoining areas coloured grey, were subsequently the subject of a Compulsory Purchase Order entitled "The Urban District of Northwich (Castle No. 1 Compulsory Purchase Order 1965)". The area consists of 81 houses, 2 public houses, an outdoor licence, a factory and a chapel. If and when this Order is confirmed, the Council have plans

for its re-development and hope to provide almost as many units of accommodation as there are houses to be demolished.

In September, a decision was received from the Ministry in respect of the London Road and Hollands Road Clearance Areas. Certain modifications in the Council's original Compulsory Purchase Order were made by the Ministry, but all the houses in the Clearance Areas were confirmed as unfit and there were no recommendations for grants in respect of well-maintained houses.

In 1964 it was not possible to clear any of the sites within the areas:

London Road Nos. 1 and 2 Clearance Areas - 24 houses

Hollands Road No. 3 Clearance Area - 3 houses

Witton Street/Warrington Road Clearance Area 8 houses

(19) INDIVIDUAL UNFIT HOUSES

Twelve houses were represented as individual unfit houses, 10 of these were made subject to Closing Orders, one closed with an undertaking not to re-let, and one was made subject to a Demolition Order.

During the year one property which was subject to a Closing Order became occupied by a family and although every effort was made to persuade them to vacate the premises they refused to do so and it was necessary to take legal action. The occupier was fined and to prevent further penalties he vacated the house and returned to a Council house which he had previously occupied and which the Council had kept for him so that further hardship would not fall on this family.

(20) SUB-STANDARD HOUSES

It has not been possible for the Council to repair and improve the sub-standard properties which have been purchased, but arrangements have been made for this work to be done by the employment of outside architects. It is hoped that in the areas where these particular properties are situated other privately owned houses will be repaired and improved and thus improve properties which would otherwise deteriorate. The Housing Act of 1964 should, with its powers of making Improvement Areas on similar lines to the making of Clearance Areas under the other Housing Acts, prove to be a most important piece of legislation. There is little doubt that the housing position in Northwich is such that great benefit could arise from the implementation of this particular Housing Act of 1964. Whilst no immediate action has been taken in this matter, it is something which cannot be delayed too long, but when the necessary work is commenced it will undoubtedly involve departments, other than the Public Health Department, and this means that the staffing position should be adequate so that any scheme commenced can be carried through successfully. There is little doubt that staff would be well occupied on this type of work when one considers the shortage of building land, the high interest rate, and loss of rateable value resulting from the loss of houses which could be repaired and improved and, indeed, provide good homes for many years ahead.

(21) GRANTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF OLD HOUSES

Details regarding the number of standard and discretionary grants are given on page 15. The number of dwellings improved exceeds the number of applications, the reason being that some houses were approved in a previous

year and the work not completed.

Standard Grants

Number of Applications approved during 1964	...	4
Number of Improvements Completed during 1964	...	10
Amount paid in Grants	... ..	£1043. 10s. Od.

Discretionary Grants

Number of Applications approved during 1964	...	10
Number of Improvements Completed during 1964	...	12
Amount paid in Grants	... ..	£3002. 0s. Od.

When applications for grants are received, each house is inspected by one of your Health Inspectors and a list of repairs necessary to make the house fit within the meaning of the Housing Act is supplied to the owner. This is an essential preliminary to the approval of an Improvement Grant, the technical administration of which is carried out by the Surveyor's Department.

(22) RENT ACT

There were two applications for Certificates of Disrepair and in one case a Certificate of Disrepair was issued.

(23) COUNCIL HOUSES IN NORTHWICH

The position with regard to dwelling accommodation provided by the Northwich Urban District Council is based on information from the Housing Department, and the position on 1st April, 1964, was as follows:-

<u>Types of Accommodation</u>		<u>Pre-War</u>	<u>Post-War</u>	<u>Purchased Properties</u>	<u>Total</u>
Houses	- 1 Bedroom	14	-	-	14
	- 2 Bedrooms	24	336	21(a)	381
	- 3 Bedrooms	224	900	7	1,131
	- 4 Bedrooms	25	24	1	50
	- 5 Bedrooms	-	5	-	5
	- 6 Bedrooms	14	-	-	14
Flats	- 1 Bedroom	-	10	-	10
	- 2 Bedrooms	-	34(b)	2	36
	- 3 Bedrooms	-	11(c)	-	11
	- 4 Bedrooms	-	4(d)	-	4
Bungalows	- 1 Bedroom	-	67	-	67
	- 2 Bedrooms	-	133	1(e)	134
	- 3 Bedrooms	-	1	-	1
Temporary Bungalows -					
	2 Bedrooms	-	50	-	50
		301	1,575	32	1,908

Notes:

- (a) Includes 18 houses scheduled for demolition
- (b) Includes 4 2-Bed flats over shops
- (c) 11 3-Bed flats over shops
- (d) 4 4-Bed flats over shops
- (e) 1 Bungalow for demolition

The waiting list of applicants for Council accommodation numbered 608 in December, 1964, and the accommodation required by these applicants is as follows:-

85	persons requiring flats or bungalows
138	" " two bedroom houses
269	" " three bedroom houses
116	single persons requiring flats or bungalows

During the year the following types of houses were erected in the Urban District:

Dwellings built by private enterprise	...	1
Dwellings erected by Local Authority	...	<u>40</u>
Total	...	<u>41</u>

SECTION VI

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(1) MILK

The Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959

There are 56 distributors of milk and 1 dairy registered by the Urban District Council. There are no milk producers within the district.

The licensing of distributors in respect of Special Designated Milk is the responsibility of the Cheshire County Council, and as a consequence they carry out the duties of milk sampling. Copies of the results of the sampling are sent to the Health Department and the ~~116~~ samples taken during the year were satisfactory.

(2) ICE-CREAM

Ice-cream (Heat Treatment, etc.) Regulations 1959

There is only one ice-cream manufacturer in the district and the cold mix method is used.

The number of samples taken during the year was 14, and these were placed in the Provisional Grades as follows:-

Provisional Grade 1	-	6 samples
" " 2	-	5 "
" " 3	-	2 "
" " 4	-	1 "

Although there are no legal standards laid down in connection with samples of ice-cream, it is considered that Grades 1 and 2 are satisfactory and Grades 3 and 4 unsatisfactory, the conclusions however to be based on the results of two or three samples.

Three samples of ice lollies were also taken and they proved satisfactory.

(3) MEAT SAMPLES

The sampling of various meat products has continued, 55 samples having been taken and sent for bacteriological examination. All were satisfactory. The standards adopted are arbitrary ones based on what one could reasonably expect foods to comply with where the methods of manufacture, handling and storage are satisfactory.

As a result of the Aberdeen Typhoid epidemic there was considerable pressure on the Department in the inspection of stocks of corned beef at canteens and shops and also dealing with queries from the general public.

(4) NUMBER OF FOOD PREMISES BY TYPES

General Grocery and Greengrocery Shops	...	...	84
General Grocery with Outdoor Licence	...	...	8
Butchers' Shops	...	...	22
Fish Frying Shops	...	...	11
Wet Fish Shops	...	...	4
Bakers & Confectioners	...	...	17
Dairies	...	...	1
Cafes & Restaurants	...	...	13
Licensed Premises	...	...	25
Canteens	...	...	20

(5) REGISTRATION OF PREMISES USED FOR THE MANUFACTURE, STORAGE OR SALE OF FOOD UNDER SECTION 18 OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Purpose for which Registered	Premises on Register 1963	Added to Register 1964	Removed from Register 1964	Total on Register 1964
Sale and Storage of Ice-Cream	87	-	-	87
Manufacture of Ice-Cream	1	-	-	1
Manufacture of Preserved foods, etc. (mainly sausages, brawn and potted meat)	11	1	-	12
Fish Frying	10	1	-	11
TOTALS	109	2	-	111

(6) SLAUGHTERHOUSES ACT, 1958

The position with regard to slaughterhouses in Northwich continues unchanged. There are three private slaughterhouses all of which are in regular use.

Meat Inspection Regulations

It has been possible to maintain 100% meat inspection. The hours of slaughtering have changed very little, there being little Sunday slaughtering, but evening and Saturday meat inspection is still necessary. The quality of meat slaughtered and sold in Northwich is good, and it will be noted that no carcasses or offal of cattle have shown any evidence of Tuberculosis. The number of animals slaughtered is slightly less than

the previous year and 938 visits were made for meat inspection purposes.

The following table gives details of the number of animals slaughtered together with details of the post mortem inspection.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed and inspected	808	405	8	3,673	2,813
<u>ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS & CYSTICERCI</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	3	1	-	2
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	68	58	-	150	60
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis or Cysticerci	8.41%	15.06%	12.5%	4.08%	2.20%
<u>TUBERCULOSIS ONLY</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	7
Percentage of the number inspected affected	-	-	-	-	.24%
<u>CYSTICERCOSIS</u>					
	-	-	-	-	

(7) CONDEMNATION OF MEAT

The total weight of meat condemned was 1 ton 19 cwt. 0 qrs. 25 lbs. and this was disposed of to reputable firms for processing.

(8) SLAUGHTERMEN' LICENCES

The number of licenced slaughtermen in the district is 14.

(9) FOOD HYGIENE

The Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

Inspections under these Regulations were carried out but in many cases these had to be done in conjunction with visits for other purposes. In one

case it was necessary to take strong informal measures at a fish and chip shop. However, the owner co-operated fully and standards were improved without having to resort to statutory action.

The opening of another large Supermarket in the town will have increased the sale of pre-packed goods and this would appear to be the increasing trend of the future. This has some very desirable features from the Public Health point of view, but it is essential that the highest standards of personal hygiene and cleanliness are practised at the point of pre-packing.

Whilst the construction of the new market did not commence in 1964, all arrangements were completed for the start to be made early in 1965.

New conveniences and washing facilities both for the general public and for the use of existing Market Stall-holders, were completed in 1964, and provide modern facilities which had been lacking for some years. Unfortunately, excellent facilities having been provided, vandals damaged them almost as soon as they had been opened.

(10) CONDEMNATION OF FOOD

All the unsound food condemned was voluntarily surrendered by the trade and, after inspection and certification by your Inspectors it was collected and disposed of either by means of kitchen waste for pig food or burying on the refuse tip having first been treated with disinfectant to render it unpalatable.

The amount of food involved in 1964 was 1 ton 12 cwts. 3 qrs. 12 lbs. and made up as follows:-

Tins of Veal, Ham & Tongue	...	...	571
Tins of Corned Beef	...	...	24
Tins of Luncheon Meat	...	...	24
Other Assorted Tins	...	...	2004
Apricots	...	...	6
Chopped Pork	...	...	22
Meat Pies	...	...	24
Sausages	...	...	30
Cheese	...	...	123
Butter	...	...	631
Bacon	...	...	2
Frozen Foods	...	...	91
Wet Fish	...	...	56
Cream	...	...	66
Biscuits	...	...	6
Total			3680 lbs.

(11) BAKEHOUSES

There are 8 bakehouses in the district and they are satisfactory.

(12) OTHER FOODS

The County Council Weights and Measures Inspectors took samples of 85 varied articles of food in the Northwich Urban District during 1964. The

following 4 samples were not up to standard:-

<u>Sample</u>	<u>Result of Analysis</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Meat Pie	Grossly contaminated with mould	Fined £2. -s. -d. Costs £6. 8s. 0d.
Milk	Deficient in fat to extent of 16.6%.	Caution.
Milk	Deficient in fat to extent of 6.6%.	Caution.
Spaghetti	Contained rice weevil	Fined £10. -s. -d. Costs £3. 18s. -d.

F. Seymour, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.,
Medical Officer of Health.

T. Baines,
Chief Public Health Inspector.

APPENDIX

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The following statement, for which I am indebted to Mr. J.R.W. Clark, the Engineer and Surveyor to the Council, sets out the main drainage schemes of the Council during 1964:-

"The Contract for the construction of the sewerage system in the Central Area of the town is proceeding satisfactorily.

"The new sewer has been laid from Chesterway through Crown Street to High Street and this will be continued through Cotton Works yard to a new pumping station to be constructed at Barons Quay. This pumping station will pump foul flow along the rising main to Dock Road Pumping Station and from thence to the Wallerscote Sewage Works. Additional storm water will be settled in tanks at Barons Quay, the clear water decanted into the river and the foul water remaining pumped as before to the sewer works.

"Work on the re sewerage will proceed in 1965 when it is anticipated that a second small pumping station will be constructed at the end of Percy Street to lift the sewage from this area into the sewers in Chesterway. Work will also proceed on the re sewerage of High Street from the Bull Ring and this should remove approximately six discharge points into the river. It is anticipated that the new sewerage system will be available to receive storm water and sewage from the buildings constituting the new development in the town centre - the first of which is likely to be the new market hall."

C H E S H I R E C O U N T Y C O U N C I L

MID-CHESHIRE DIVISIONAL HEALTH COMMITTEE.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIVISIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER
FOR THE YEAR 1964.

March, 1965.

Tel. No.
Northwich 4251/2.

Hartford Hill,
David Street,
Northwich, Ches.
February, 1965.

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Report for 1964.

The opening of the Training Centre for mentally sub-normal children and adults was the major extension of County Council services in this area, the Divisional Health Committee having the responsibility for the day to day management of the Centres.

The services for the physically handicapped have continued to expand and it has been very encouraging to note the considerable interest shown in this aspect of community service. I could not write of this without expressing my appreciation to Mrs. Bellamy for her personal interest in the Highfield Club, and to the W.V.S. and others for their unstinting help during the year. I hope that 1965 will see the formation of a local Association for the Physically Handicapped which can further encourage and channel this community interest.

Two part-time Clinic Clerks have been appointed to relieve the Health Visitors of some of their clerical work, so enabling the latter to devote more of their valuable time to their professional duties.


It is extremely pleasing to report the formation of co-ordination Committees by the Area Children's Officer. These will undoubtedly lead to an improvement in the services for the rehabilitation of problem families.

The Divisional Health Committee's recommendation to the County Council that authority be given to hold a Cervical Smear Clinic for two sessions per week was accepted. At the time of writing approval by the Ministry of Health to the County Council's proposals is still awaited.

The shortage of geriatric beds in the area has continued and inevitably a heavy burden falls on the nursing and home help services. As always, they have coped magnificently.

Finally, Ladies and Gentlemen, I wish to thank you for your support and interest during the year, Mr. Durrad, Mrs. Moore and the Officers of other Departments and Organisations for their co-operation and assistance, and Mr. Whiting and Members of the Divisional Staff who have, as always, given me their full support.

I am,
Your obedient Servant,



Divisional Medical Officer.

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MID-CHESHIRE DIVISIONAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

List of Members - 1964/1965.

Chairman: Mrs. O.O. Bellamy

Vice-Chairman: Mrs. A. Young

Representing the County Council

County Clr. H.S. Mather, 105, Middlewich Road, Northwich.
County Clr. W.D. Yarwood, J.P., "Kirkacre", 145, Chester Road, Northwich.
County Clr. J.N. Wilson, Wharton Hall, Winsford.
County Clr. N.N. Aitchison, J.P., "The Gables", Lostock Gralam, Northwich.
County Clr. D.J. Fryer, 515, London Road, Davenham, Northwich.
County Clr. W. Jacques, "Worthern", 36, Forest Street, Weaverham, Northwich.
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Alderman F. McBirnie, Westcliff House, Croft Drive West, Caldy, Wirral.

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Clr. Mrs. E. Bowden, 88, Moss Road, Northwich.
Clr. S. Hamlett, 2, Milner Road, Greenbank, Northwich.
Clr. S. Worrall, 26, London Road, Northwich.
Clr. G. Royle, 21, Marshall Lane, Greenbank, Northwich.
Vacancy.

Representing the Northwich Rural District Council

Clr. G.L. Buckley, 632, London Road, Mereheath, Davenham, Northwich.
Clr. Mrs. J.M. Pollard, 34, West Road, Weaverham, Northwich.
Clr. Mrs. M.M. Oppenheimer, "Millstream", Hulme Lane, Lower Peover, Knutsford.
Clr. Mrs. E. Studley, "The Cottage", Harrison Drive, Goostrey.
Clr. Mrs. A. Young, "The Poplars", Cockpit Lane, Sandiway, Northwich.
Clr. Miss G.I. Ward, "Glenariff", Northwich Road, Weaverham, Northwich.
Clr. E.O. Stokes, "South Close", Tarporley, Cheshire.

Representing the Middlewich Urban District Council

Clr. J.D. Blease, "The Woodlands", 49, Nantwich Road, Middlewich.
Clr. H. Dale, 72, Wheelock Street, Middlewich.

Representing the Winsford Urban District Council

Clr. L. Jackson, "Alicia", Crook Lane, Winsford.
Clr. P.G. Tipple, 8, Wharton Green, Winsford.
Clr. L. Knight, J.P., 3, Seaton Street, Winsford.
Clr. Mrs. J. Wrench, 79, Chester Road, Winsford.

Co-opted Members

Dr. C.D. Hough, "Thornbury", 46, Winnington Street, Northwich. (Local Medical Cttee.)
Mr. R.R. Dalby, Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd., Winnington. (Medical & Dental)
Mr. D. Drummond, Forest Gate, Whitegate Road, Over, Winsford. (Hospital Management Cttee.)
Miss M.G. Haward, 33, Grange Road, Cuddington, Near Northwich. (Nursing Aid Charities)
Mrs. O.O. Bellamy, "Newlands", Swanlow Lane, Winsford.
Mr. P. Clarke, "South Lea", Forest Street, Weaverham, Northwich (Education)
Mrs. M.E. Browning, "Adversane", 198, Swanlow Lane, Winsford.
Mrs. M.S. Fulton, Davenham House, Davenham, Near Northwich. (Red Cross Society)

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Clerk to the Divisional Committee - Mr. R.D. Durrad, LL.B.

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NURSES AND MIDWIVES.

HOME NURSES/MIDWIVES.

<u>Area</u>	<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Tel. No.</u>
Barnton	Mrs. S.M. Dorling, 30, Hayes Drive, Barnton	Northwich 4080
Castle	*Mrs. P.E. Mounsey, 228, Chester Road, Hartford	Northwich 5083
Davenham	Miss M. Buckley, 437, London Road, Davenham	Northwich 3027
Delamere	Miss D.E. Joseph, "Wayside", Cotebrook	Little Budworth 391
Great Budworth	Mrs. D. Sherratt, "Rose Bank, Comberbach	Comberbach 279
Hartford	*Mrs. E. Evans, 15, Woodside Terrace, Leftwich	Northwich 3310
Little Leigh	Miss E.M. Fishwick, 14, Brakeley Lane, Little Leigh	Comberbach 275
Lostock Gralam	*Mrs. F. Fuller, 1, Griffiths Rd., Lostock Gralam	Northwich 3046
Marston	Mrs. W.G. Hudson, 20, Mere Road, Marston	Comberbach 425
Middlewich	(Miss B. Breeze, 11, Coronation Road, Middlewich	Middlewich 2549
	(Mrs. M. Taylor, 32, Sutton Lane, Middlewich	Middlewich 2350
Moulton	Miss V.R. Watts, 11, Regent Street, Moulton	Winsford 2346
Sandiway	Miss S. Rhodes, The Cottage, Glebe Rd., Cuddington	Sandiway 2252
Tarporley	Mrs. M. Stewart, 10, Eaton Road, Tarporley	Tarporley 553
Weaverham	(*Miss J. Clinton, "Cartref", West Rd., Weaverham	Weaverham 2278
	(Mrs. E.L.L. Hampson, "Sunfield", Forest Rd., Cuddington	Sandiway 2163
Winsford	(Miss I.A. Bremner, 204, Ways Green, Winsford	Winsford 2548
	(Miss P.M. Jones, 8, Wellfield, Wharton Rd., Winsford	Winsford 2766
Witton	*Mrs. I. Owen, "Dinastre", Lime Avenue, Leftwich	Northwich 3093
Relief Nurses	*Mrs. E.T. Dorman, Arderne House, Hodge Lane, Hartford	Northwich 4513
	Mrs. B. Dutton, Walker's Green Farm, Sproston	Middlewich 2174
Male Nurse	*Mr. W. Hudson, 20, Mere Road, Marston	Comberbach 425

* Indicates Home Nurse only

MIDWIVES.

Hartford & Castle	Mrs. P. Edwards, 28, Stones Manor Lane, Hartford, Northwich	Northwich 4737
Leftwich	(Mrs. W. Place,	Northwich 3050
Rudheath	(22, Fairfield Road, Leftwich, Northwich	
Witton	(	Northwich 2314
Winnington	(Miss D. Price,	
Northwich	(38, Water Street, Northwich	
Weaverham	Miss J. Wolahan, 49, Wallerscote Road, Weaverham, Northwich	Weaverham 2116

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STAFF OF THE DIVISIONAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Divisional Medical Officer -	Dr. F. Seymour, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.
Chief Clerk -	Mr. C. Whiting.
Domestic Help Supervisor -	Mrs. F.O. Moore.
Clerical Assistants -	Mr. C.H. Dodd. Miss I. Gleave. Mrs. J. Houseman (part-time). Miss T. Smith. Miss W.M. Stubbs. Miss M. Wood.
Part-time Nurse -	Mrs. B. Collins.
Part-time Clinic Clerks -	Mrs. M. Carrie. Mrs. K.M. Clark.

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STAFF OF THE ADULT TRAINING CENTRE

Superintendent -	Mr. D. Hoult.
Deputy Superintendent -	Mrs. J.A. Smith.
Instructors -	Mr. H. Boocock. Miss A. Davenport. Mr. J. Holman.

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STAFF OF THE JUNIOR TRAINING CENTRE

Supervisor -	Mrs. E. Davenport.
Assistant Supervisors -	Miss S.M. Birtwisle. Miss D. Lomax. Mrs. S. Moules.

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Divisional Medical Office - Tel. No. Northwich 4251/2.

Adult Training Centre - Tel. No. Northwich 5100.

Junior Training Centre - Tel. No. Northwich 4398.

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CHILD WELFARE CENTRES AND CLINICS.

Ministry and Proprietary Foods are sold at each of the Child Welfare Clinic Sessions listed below. In addition, Ministry Foods only are available at the following Centres at the times stated:-

Divisional Medical Office - Monday to Friday
9 a.m. to 12 noon, and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Middlewich Child Welfare Centre - Friday 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Winsford Child Welfare Centre - Tuesday 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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BARNTON C.W.C., Brunner School, Lydyett Lane, Barnton.

Health Visitor - Miss K. Gosney Tel. Northwich 5639
Dentist - Mr. D. Dodd Tel. Northwich 5527

Dental Clinic, Monday a.m. & p.m.
Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd & 4th Wednesdays p.m.
Screening Clinic (by arrangement) - Wednesday a.m.
Eye Clinic - 1st Thursday a.m.

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MIDDLEWICH C.W.C., 85, Wheelock Street, Middlewich. Tel. Middlewich 2165

Health Visitor - Miss M. Barlow
Child Welfare Clinic - Monday p.m.
Young Children's Clinic - 3rd Wednesday p.m.
Screening Clinic - Thursday p.m. (except first)
Eye Clinic - 3rd Tuesday p.m.
Dental Clinic - Monday & Friday a.m. & p.m. and alternate Wednesdays a.m. & p.m.

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NORTHWICH -

PARLAND HOUSE C.W.C., Winnington Hill, Northwich. Tel. Northwich 4643

Health Visitor - Mrs. E.E. Conlin
Child Welfare Clinic - Tuesday p.m.
Screening Clinic - 1st Thursday p.m.
Paediatric Clinic - 4th Monday p.m.
Speech Therapy - Monday a.m. & p.m. Friday a.m.
Dental Clinic - Tuesday to Friday a.m. & p.m.
Mothers' Club - 3rd Tuesday evening.

PARKFIELD C.W.C., Middlewich Road, Rudheath, Northwich. Tel. Northwich 2186

Health Visitors - Miss P. Toomey and Mrs. I. Harris
Child Welfare Clinic - Thursday p.m.
Young Children's Clinic - 1st Wednesday p.m.
Screening Clinic (by arrangement) - 1st & 3rd Wednesday a.m.
Midwives' Clinic (by arrangement) - Monday p.m.
Preparation Classes (Ante-Natal) - Monday p.m.
Eye Clinics - 2nd & 3rd Thursday a.m., 1st, 2nd & 4th Friday p.m.
E.N.T. Clinic - monthly by arrangement.
Dental Clinic - Tuesday, Thursday & Friday a.m. & p.m.
Audiology Clinic - 2nd Tuesday a.m. (Miss Gassick)

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WEAVERHAM C.W.C., Church Lane, Weaverham. Tel. Weaverham 3177

Health Visitor - Mrs. B. Vintner
Child Welfare Clinic - Tuesday p.m.
Young Children's Clinic - 3rd Monday p.m.
Screening Clinic - Friday p.m. (once a month)
Midwives' Clinic - Thursday p.m.
Preparation Classes (Ante-Natal) - Thursday p.m.
Cerebral Palsy Clinic - Wednesday a.m. & p.m., Friday a.m.
Eye Clinic - 3rd Friday p.m.
Speech Therapy - Thursday a.m. & p.m.
Dental Clinic - Wednesday a.m. & p.m.

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WINSFORD C.W.C., Weaver Street, Winsford. Tel. Winsford 2387

Health Visitors - Miss J.M. Gassick and Mrs. M. Brown

Child Welfare Clinic - Friday p.m.

Young Children's Clinic - 1st Thursday p.m.

Screening Clinic - 1st Tuesday p.m.

Midwives' Clinic - Wednesday p.m.

Preparation Classes (Ante-Natal) Wednesday p.m.

Eye Clinic - 3rd & 4th Thursdays p.m.

E.N.T. Clinic - 2nd Thursday p.m.

Dental Clinic - Friday p.m.

Speech Therapy - Thursday a.m.

Mother & Baby Clinic (W.V.S.) - 2nd & 4th Tuesday p.m.

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COMBERBACH CLINIC, Parish Hall, Comberbach.

Health Visitor - Miss K. Gosney

Child Welfare Clinic - 1st & 3rd Wednesdays p.m.

Screening Clinic (by arrangement) - Wednesday a.m.

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DAVENHAM CLINIC, Methodist Church Hall, Davenham.

Health Visitor - Miss A. Gratrix

Child Welfare Clinic - 1st & 3rd Mondays p.m.

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HARTFORD CLINIC, Methodist Chapel, Beech Road, Hartford.

Health Visitor - vacancy

Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays p.m.

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LEFTWICH CLINIC, The Farm, Old Hall Estate, Leftwich.

Health Visitor - Miss A. Gratrix

Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays p.m.

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LOSTOCK CLINIC, Lostock Social Club, Lostock.

Health Visitor - Mrs. I. Harris

Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd & 4th Wednesdays p.m.

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MOULTON CLINIC, Church Hall, Moulton.

Health Visitor - Mrs. M. Brown

Child Welfare Clinic - 1st & 3rd Wednesdays p.m.

Screening Clinic (by arrangement) - 3rd Wednesday p.m.

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OVER CLINIC, The Old Vicarage, Delamere Street, Winsford.

Health Visitor - Mrs. M. Brown

Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd & 4th Mondays p.m.

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SANDIWAY CLINIC, Methodist Church Hall, Sandiway.

Health Visitor - vacancy

Child Welfare Clinic - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays p.m.

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TARPORLEY CLINIC, Community Centre, Tarporley.

Health Visitor - Miss M. Gourlay

Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd & 4th Thursdays p.m.

Screening Clinic - 1st Friday a.m. (odd months).

Eye Clinic - 3rd Friday p.m.

Young Children's Clinic - 4th Thursday a.m.

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WELFARE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Distribution has continued satisfactorily throughout the year, the only changes being additional Sessions to serve:-

- 1) The new Clinic at Over, and
- 2) Moulton Clinic, where with the agreement of the Voluntary Committee, the Divisional Health Committee undertook the distribution of the full range of foods available at the other Child Welfare Clinics in the Division.

From the table of sales (given below) it is evident that the use of vitamin supplements is stabilising, but there is an increase in the use of Proprietary Foods at the expense of National Dried Milk.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Value of Sales</u>	<u>National</u>	<u>Orange</u>	<u>Cod</u>	<u>A & D</u>
	<u>Proprietary Foods</u> <u>Sold only at Clinics</u>	<u>Dried Milk</u> <u>(tins)</u>	<u>Juice</u> <u>(bottles)</u>	<u>Liver Oil</u> <u>(bottles)</u>	<u>Tablets</u> <u>(packets)</u>
1964	£5,007	20,969	12,733	1,016	1,712
1963	£4,070	22,636	12,397	1,041	1,737
1962	£3,999	26,203	12,099	1,286	1,960
1961	£4,143	29,306	19,232	2,703	2,937
1960	£3,428	33,133	33,626	4,203	3,634
1959	£3,140	35,780	36,814	4,390	3,657
1958	£3,259	40,061	38,403	4,649	3,511
1957	£2,905	44,903	64,934	17,414	4,026
1956	£2,268	51,924	60,565	9,258	4,479
1955	£2,109	54,771	57,908	10,673	3,488
1954	£2,140	30,563	24,158	5,672	1,404

CHILD WELFARE CLINIC ATTENDANCES

To serve the increase in population of the Grange Estate, Winsford, twice monthly Child Welfare Sessions were commenced at The Old Vicarage, Delamere Street, on 13th July, 1964.

At Moulton an additional Child Welfare Session per month was commenced on 5th August, 1964. However, due to the low attendances the need for this was being reviewed at the end of the year.

<u>CLINIC</u>	<u>NEW CASES</u>		<u>TOTAL ATTENDANCES</u>					
	<u>0 - 1 Year</u>		<u>0 - 1 Year</u>		<u>1 - 2 Years</u>		<u>2 - 5 Years</u>	
	<u>1964</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1963</u>
Barnton	75	65	928	655	142	139	155	175
Comberbach	34	42	469	464	150	88	175	139
Davenham	49	36	349	458	260	166	275	182
Hartford	27	23	350	268	122	132	86	72
Leftwich	62	66	604	587	118	103	63	44
Lostock	76	69	448	387	91	89	125	113
Middlewich	136	122	1,455	1,285	216	224	226	301
Moulton	14	21	173	162	88	50	69	58
Darland House	82	101	1,509	1,574	356	376	131	159
Parkfield	220	203	2,916	2,568	470	329	228	339
Sandiway	53	57	539	497	175	143	115	125
Tarporley	34	35	409	376	135	143	163	141
Weaverham	129	134	2,006	1,723	326	220	132	68
Winsford, Weaver St.	195	186	1,532	1,623	171	128	19	22
Winsford, Over	57	-	223	-	54	-	28	-
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HEALTH EDUCATION.

The basic health education work in the Division has continued to be carried out by the Health Visitors and Nurses in their everyday contacts with the public.

During the year we were supplied with a 16 mm ciné sound projector, and this piece of equipment is proving of considerable value in increasing and enhancing the health education activities now undertaken by the Department. I anticipate that the Health Visitors will be making greater use of this educational medium in their various activities during 1965. One distinct advantage of using the projector during Child Welfare Clinics will be that really first class health education can be given to a group of mothers whilst the Health Visitor continues with her Clinic work, merely being on hand after the showing to discuss points raised by the group. Several excellent films are available suitable for showing to audiences of young couples expecting their first child, and my Chief Clerk, who has undertaken in the main the duties of projectionist, has been co-operating with the Health Visitors in showing these films to meetings of such groups in the evening.

A reflection of the interest of the community in the physically handicapped has been the increasing number of requests which I have received from voluntary and statutory organisations to talk to their members on the services available for this section of the community. An exhibition of services for the physically handicapped was staged on the occasion of the Official Opening of the Highfield Social Club, and reference is made to this in the Section "Services for the Physically Handicapped".

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INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Encephalitis.

The two cases of Encephalitis occurred in adults following infection with the mumps virus.

Measles.

It is interesting to conjecture that in a few years Measles may well be as rare as Poliomyelitis and Diphtheria are at the present moment if it proves possible to produce an acceptable Measles vaccine, and from latest reports it would appear that we are on the brink of this.

The following are the Infectious Diseases notified for the years 1964 and 1963.

	1964					1963				
	NRD	WUD	MUD	NUD	Div.	NRD	WUD	MUD	NUD	Div.
Dysentery	2	-	-	1	3	1	-	-	-	1
Measles	451	165	21	185	822	486	43	37	157	723
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia, Influenzal & acute lobar	3	4	1	-	8	3	2	-	5	10
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Scarlet Fever	13	6	-	18	37	22	2	-	10	34
Respiratory Tuberculosis	2	-	-	-	2	2	-	1	-	3
Whooping Cough	16	-	-	26	42	18	-	2	4	24
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	50	-	-	-	50
Encephalitis	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-

The incidence of new cases, deaths and recoveries etc. from Tuberculosis are set out below:-

Year 1964	Northwich U.D.		Winsford U.D.		Middlewich U.D.		Northwich R.D.	
	R.	N.R.	R.	N.R.	R.	N.R.	R.	N.R.
New Cases notified (including Transfers)	-	-	9	-	-	-	2	-
Deaths	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Recovered	6	-	7	-	4	-	11	4
Other Removals from Register (left District etc.)	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
No. on Register at the end of 1963	32	8	37	9	17	6	84	32
No. on Register at the end of 1964	25	8	38	9	13	6	73	28

R. - Respiratory.

N.R. - Non-Respiratory.

The new cases of Tuberculosis notified in Winsford were all transfers into the district.

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION.

As will be seen from the following figures, there has been a further increase in the number of immunisations performed. This is not as large as I had hoped due to an unfortunate succession of illnesses amongst the Divisional and School Medical Staff.

DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH AND TETANUS IMMUNISATION.

	<u>1964</u>		<u>1963</u>	
	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Booster</u>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Booster</u>
Diphtheria	-	83	-	60
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough	-	10	-	7
Diphtheria/Tetanus	24	117	5	90
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough/ Tetanus	979	215	875	204
Tetanus	278	7	-	-
Quadrilin	5	-	-	-

Percentage of Children fully protected against Diphtheria (figures obtained from Div. Records)

<u>Age</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1963</u>
0 - 1 Years	29	23
1 - 2 "	65	58
2 - 3 "	63	63
3 - 4 "	65	69
4 - 5 "	71	69
5 - 6 "	13	14
6 - 7 "	20	15
7 - 8 "	37	21

As outlined in last year's Report, our immunisation sessions were planned to follow the School Medical Officers' routine medical examinations in infant and junior schools, but I propose during 1965 to visit schools independently of the School Medical Officers and to offer immunisation to the parents of all children requiring Diphtheria, Tetanus or Poliomyelitis immunisation.

The giving of Anti-Tetanus serum following an injury is always a matter of concern due to the relatively high incidence of reactions following its administration. As is well known, there is always the real risk (in the unprotected) of developing Tetanus after even the most minor injury.

Following discussion with General Practitioners and one of the local Consultants, Tetanus immunisation was offered for children attending Weaverham County Secondary School, aged twelve/thirteen years, and it is interesting to note that 92% of the parents consented to this procedure. I would like to express my appreciation to the Headmaster and his Staff for their enthusiastic co-operation. In view of this response, Tetanus immunisation has been offered to all the children attending this school, and I propose as Staff time permits, to extend this Scheme to all other secondary schools within the Division.

The parents of each child who has completed a course of Tetanus immunisation is sent a card recording the dates of immunisation together with a letter emphasising the importance of keeping the record card safely and advising when it will be needed.

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION.

<u>Salk Vaccine</u>	<u>1st & 2nd inj's.</u>	<u>3rd inj.</u>	<u>4th inj.</u>
	62	68	36
<u>Sabin Oral Vaccine</u>	<u>Primary Course</u>	<u>Booster Doses</u>	
	921	549	

SMALLPOX VACCINATION.

As will be seen from the following table, there has been an increase in the number of children under the age of five years vaccinated against Smallpox. These figures are not directly comparable with recent years, due to the unusually large number of children vaccinated during 1962 following the Smallpox outbreak, and also to the increasing acceptance by Doctors and patients of the view that the optimum time for infant vaccination is during the second year of life.

	<u>1964</u>	<u>1963</u>
Under 1 Year	39	113
1 - 5 Years	278	103
School Children	45	84
Adults	199	248
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	561	548
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B.C.G. VACCINATION.

B.C.G. Vaccination is available to all children attending County Schools at the age of 12/13 years, and once again it is pleasing to report that the acceptance rate has increased. Vaccination is offered to absentees on subsequent visits to the school. The percentage of children found to be tuberculin positive i.e. those children who have been infected with tuberculosis at some stage of their life, once again has decreased. Those children found to be tuberculin positive are referred to the Chest Clinic for examination to exclude the possibility of their having active Tuberculosis.

Due to the illnesses of the School Medical Staff already referred to, it was not possible to carry out the full B.C.G. programme, but it is anticipated that this will be brought fully up to date during 1965.

B.C.G. vaccination against Tuberculosis is carried out at the local Chest Clinic on actual contacts of cases of Tuberculosis, and some maternity hospitals in Manchester vaccinate new-born babies.

Year	Children Eligible	Percentage of Parents consenting	Percentage abs. for Tests	Percentage Tuberculin Positive	Percentage Tuberculin Neg. & Vacc.
1961	806	70	13	30	70
1962	1,326	76	11	28	72
1963	1,453	83	14	21	79
1964	1,031	85	15	19	81

SERVICES FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED.

HIGHFIELD SOCIAL CLUB & HANDICRAFT GROUP.

This highly successful Club has continued to meet every two weeks, and by the end of the year membership was forty.

As an experiment and with the co-operation of Mr. L. Burton, the County Organiser for Welfare Services for the Handicapped, a Scheme for Outwork was commenced. It soon became obvious, however, that this Scheme could not satisfactorily be operated without a proper organisation to deal with the transport and collection of both the raw materials and finished articles. As it was not possible to institute such an organisation it was decided to discontinue the Scheme.

In June arrangements were made by the Divisional Staff for a visit to be made by Club Members to Chester Zoo. Thirty-two members and thirty-five volunteer helpers participated. As the Club members either took or were provided with a wheelchair at the Zoo, the lot of the volunteer helpers was indeed a very tiring one, and I would like to express my thanks to all the people who so ably assisted us on this very successful and much appreciated day out.

In September the members attended a performance of "Showboat" given by the Knutsford Amateur Operatic Society. The kindness of the Manager of the Society in making available a block booking for our members at reduced prices was indeed very much appreciated.

Without doubt these two visits have proved to be memorable occasions for the members, many of whom we were astonished to find, had never been to a live Show in an evening.

The members of the W.V.S. organised a Christmas Party on the last Social Meeting of the Club before Christmas, and this also was a great success.

During the year it was evident that members were interested in handicrafts and the Divisional Health Committee gave permission for the Clinic Centre at Barnton to be used for the formation of a Handicraft Group. The sessions are arranged for alternate Thursdays to the Social Club, the first being held on 19th March, 1964.

We were extremely fortunate in obtaining from the Education Department the services of Mrs. J. Curbishley (a Handicraft Teacher), and membership of the Handicraft Group was made open to all members of the Highfield Social Club. The list of handicrafts is varied and members of the Group can, if the products of their labours are sold, retain the profit. One of the most satisfying features of the Highfield Club is the many personal friendships which have arisen between not only the Club members themselves, but between members of the Club, W.V.S. and the Divisional Health Staff.

Since their inception my Chief Clerk has attended both the Social Club and Handicraft Group. This has proved of considerable assistance to the W.V.S. when lifting severely handicapped members and it saves embarrassment to the male members when they need assistance with the toilet. This arrangement also proved to be a valuable link between the Club, myself, and the W.V.S. Mr. Whiting also undertakes instruction in metal work at the Handicraft Group.

The provision of transport for members has presented the greatest problem in running the Social Club. It was, however, eased to some extent by the advent of the special vehicle which was brought into operation by the County Council in June, 1964. This vehicle has a hydraulic tail lift which enables members to be lifted in their wheelchairs straight into the vehicle. The W.V.S. members driving their own cars and conveying the more ambulant members, have carried out a marvellous job of work, but their resources are taxed each time we have a new member joining the Club. By the end of the year they were very near to reaching their ultimate in the amount of transport they could provide. In so far as the visit to the Zoo was concerned we were fortunate in being able to use the special 'bus adapted for the physically handicapped, owned by the Stockport Corporation Welfare Department.

On 29th October, over 250 people attended the Official Opening of the Social Club. Lady Verdin kindly accepted the invitation to perform the Opening Ceremony, and in her opening address stressed the need for the formation of a Mid-Cheshire Association for the Physically Handicapped. Without doubt, the formation of such an

Association would be of great benefit, not only to the Highfield Club, but to the physically handicapped in general throughout Mid-Cheshire. One would envisage that one of the first problems for such an Association to tackle would be that of transport.

The opportunity afforded by the Official Opening, was taken to stage an Exhibition showing the County Council Services for the physically handicapped. The Ministry of Labour also contributed an Exhibition showing their facilities. The members of the Handicraft Group displayed articles made by them, and examples of the work carried out by the trainees at the Adult Training Centre, Northwich, were also shown.

Members from other County Clubs for the physically handicapped accepted the Divisional Health Committee's invitation to the Opening, and this concept of inter-Club visiting is, I consider, very important, as it can, if reciprocated, extend the scope of future activities for the members.

At their November Meeting, the Divisional Health Committee recognising the increase in work involved in the provision of services for the physically handicapped which has taken place and the vast scope for active extension of this service amongst the elderly, recommended to the County Health Committee that an Occupational Therapist be appointed for four half-day sessions per week.

CAR BADGES FOR THE DISABLED DRIVERS.

Owners of Ministry of Pensions invalid motorised vehicles are eligible, on application, to receive two stick on car badges. This Scheme was introduced by the Ministry of Health in an effort to assist owners of such vehicles to receive extra consideration when parking.

SPECIAL HOUSING.

It is pleasing to note that the Northwich Urban District Council, during the year, built two specially designed bungalows for families of two physically handicapped persons.

Where it is not possible to adapt the existing house of a handicapped person satisfactorily, the question of re-housing is taken up with the relevant District Council, these cases always receiving sympathetic consideration.

ADAPTATIONS TO PROPERTY.

The under-mentioned adaptations to property have been carried out during 1964 - many of the handicapped persons for whom these alterations were made are old age pensioners or members of the Handicapped Persons' Club.

<u>Adaptations etc.</u>	<u>Approx. cost</u>
Fixing of three lengths of handrail in living room	£3.10.0d.
Fixing of chain over bed, handle at side of chimney breast, and support to wash basin	£9.0.0d.
Fixing of handrails to staircase, hook over bath, drop-down wooden seat at end of bath	£6.10.0d.
Fitting of hinged bath seat and hook	£5.10.0d.
Lowering of kerb and construction of pavement crossing etc. and provision of concrete base	£32.0.0d.
Provision of pavement crossing, relaying of kerbs and flags and alterations to fence	£27.0.0d.
Construction of ramp inside and outside the front doorstep and lowering of back kitchen shelf	£1.10.0d.
Provision and fitting of low bath	£17.0.0d.
Provision of ball catches and door handles in downstairs rooms	£1.10.0d.

<u>Adaptations etc. (continued)</u>	<u>Approx. cost</u>
Fixing of bath seat, and hook over bath	£5.10.0d.
Provision and fixing of handrail to toilets	£3.10.0d.
Lowering of path	£2.0.0d.
Provision and fitting of low bath	£17.0.0d.
Provision of ramps to front gate, front entrance and rear entrance, also handrail at front gate	£21.0.0d.
Fixing outside W.C. pedestal and adjusting fittings	£6.10.0d.
Provision and fixing of handrails	£2.5.0d.

In view of the financial circumstances of the persons assisted, all these alterations have been made at full cost to the County Council. Undoubtedly this service contributes greatly to the independence of the persons assisted, as has been evident from the letters of appreciation received.

I would here like to express my appreciation for the enthusiastic help and advice I have received from the District Councils' Surveyors, the County District Architect and their Staff.

CARE AND AFTER CARE.

Several items of new equipment and aids are now available from the Divisional Medical Office, and it is pleasing to note that there appears to be a growing public awareness of the facilities available.

<u>Equipment issued</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1963</u>
Air rings	18	12
Back rests	36	21
Bath aids	7	6
Bath mat	1	-
Bath seats	4	1
Bath steps	-	1
Bed cages	9	12
Bed pans	18	22
Bed poles	12	7
Bed table	1	1
Bottles	19	12
Car seat headrest	-	1
Chain and handle	1	-
Chair, special (Amesbury)	1	-
Combs (long handled)	2	1
Commodes	23	21
Crutches	7	9
Ejector seat	2	-
Electric shaver	-	1
Exercycle	1	-
Feeding cup	4	1
Fireguard	1	1
Fork (long handled)	1	-
Helping hands	4	10
Hoists	-	1
Knife (long handled)	2	-
Nelson knife	2	1
Night alarms	15	21
Pants & interliners	4	-
Plateguard	1	-
Shoe horn (long handled)	1	-
Spring pole	1	-
Stocking puller-on	1	-
Toilet aids	3	2
Typewriter	-	1
Tricycle	-	1
Walking aids	14	7
Walking sticks	11	4
Wheelchairs	29	18
Underpads	7,220	6,600

CONVALESCENT TREATMENT.

Seven patients were sent for convalescent treatment during 1964.

DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE.

The number of hours service given in the Domestic Help Service has not increased over last year's figure, although there has been an increase in the number of cases assisted. A factor which has contributed to this position is that the condition of certain cases which were receiving a large number of hours of service became such that they could no longer be cared for at home with aid from the domiciliary services, and were eventually admitted to geriatric hospital accommodation.

A strong force of domestic helps has been maintained during the year, although occasional difficulties have arisen in engaging home helps in some areas. We have found that more domestic helps have been recruited by advertisements in local shops rather than by using the more expensive method of local press advertising.

Our domestic helps have carried out their routine duties conscientiously during the year and the majority take an active interest in their patients far beyond what is expected of them.

Classification of cases and hours worked:-

	<u>1963</u>		<u>1964</u>	
	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Hours worked</u>	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Hours worked</u>
Aged and infirm	154 (92%)	31,744	176 (85%)	30,591
Others	7 (4%)	314	14 (6.7%)	1,141
Confinements	7 (4%)	282	17 (8.3%)	540
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	168	32,340	207	32,272
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		<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	
Future Recovery Cases registered with County Treasurer		23	42	
Contributions from cases		£1681.10.0d.	£1604.0.0d.	

CHIROPODY SERVICE.

There was an increase in the number of persons applying and qualifying for this Service. However, this increase only brings the Mid-Cheshire figures in line with the County average for 1963.

	OVER 65				PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED			
	No. of Patients		No. of Treatments		No. of Patients		No. of Treatments	
	1964	1963	1964	1963	1964	1963	1964	1963
Chiropodist's Surgery	401	308	2018	1939	13	5	59	30
Home of Patient	248	136	1131	647	8	-	45	-

No. of cases in which County Council paid full fees 1964 - 592 1963 - 411
No. of cases in which County Council paid part fees 1964 - 78 1963 - 38

The conditions of the Scheme are as follows:-

- (a) The service is available to persons over the age of 65 years, physically handicapped persons and expectant mothers recommended for treatment by their family doctor or the district nurse.
- (b) All chiropodists holding a qualification laid down in the National Health Service (Medical Auxiliaries) Regulations, 1954, are entitled to take part, giving treatment in their own premises or in the patient's own home.
- (c) Persons entitled to the service may attend any registrable chiropodist of their own choice who is willing to take part in the scheme.
- (d) A patient unable to travel to the chiropodist's surgery may have the treatment carried out at home and for this the chiropodist receives an extra fee.
- (e) The Authority pays the whole of the fees in respect of persons in receipt of National Assistance benefit or whose sole income is the statutory retirement pension.

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Arrangements were made for the Official Opening of the Adult and Junior Training Centres on 10th July, 1964, and the County Council were fortunate in that Sir John Foster, K.B.E., Q.C., Member of Parliament for Northwich, was able to perform the Opening Ceremony.

Adult Training Centre.

The first trainees attended the Centre on 1st April, 1964, when fifteen boys were admitted, the Staff then consisting of Mr. Hoult (the Superintendent) and an Instructor. On 1st September, 1964, twenty-one female trainees were admitted under the care of Mrs. Smith (the Deputy Superintendent). By the end of the year there were nineteen males and twenty-seven females on the Register. The simple statement that "The first trainees attended the Centre on 1st April" gives no indication of the considerable amount of work which was necessary beforehand, a great deal of which fell on the shoulders of the Divisional Office Staff.

During the initial months after their opening, both the male and female departments concentrated on activities of a predominantly social and recreational nature, as most of the trainees were quite unused to being members of a fairly large social group. As a result of this preliminary period the trainees have formed a very well integrated social group. Since achieving this goal there has been a gradual change of emphasis until now approximately one third of the trainees' time is spent on social training and recreation, and two thirds on workshop practice. Social Training is considered in its widest context, instruction being given in personal hygiene, housecraft, shopping, using the telephone and recognition of socially useful words. In addition, the girls are taught the proper use of cosmetics, how to wash and set their hair, and efforts are made to develop their dress sense. The regular periods of physical education, music and movement, and games help greatly to improve posture and co-ordination. Advantage is also taken of the, in some cases, remarkable sense of rhythm of the sub-normal, and regular sessions of relaxation whilst listening to music are held, together with the use of background music during sessions in the workshops. Each lunchtime the trainees dine together and afterwards have supervised games, or "shake" to the large collection of pop records available in the Hall. I could not mention lunch without paying tribute to the consistent excellence of the meals produced by the kitchen staff under the supervision of Mrs. Brown our cook. Each Friday afternoon both departments join together and have a recreational session when the trainees play table tennis, badminton, draughts etc.

In considering the use of contract work considerable thought is given to its training potential as it can make a considerable contribution to the trainees' manipulative skill, co-ordination, number sense, and powers of concentration etc. Unfortunately the Mid-Cheshire area is dependent predominantly on one basic industry and the difficulties of finding suitable work are considerable. The contracts undertaken at present in the Centre consist of making wire loops, putting screws into electrical components, renovating cardboard boxes, making mops, and supplying firewood to the Clinics in the Division, and the female department has just obtained a contract packing and sealing dishcloths in polythene bags. I think the Superintendent is to be congratulated on his efforts in obtaining these contracts.

In addition to the above, the boys are receiving instruction in simple woodwork, upholstery and polishing, with a view to producing on a commercial scale when the recently installed woodwork machinery is fully operational such items as stools, tables, deck-chairs, clothes maidens, tea-trolleys etc. With the aid of the Instructors extremely satisfactory prototypes have been produced by breaking work down into its basic units. In this way articles of a high standard can be produced it obviously being both desirable and necessary that they should compete in both quality and cost with articles produced commercially.

The girls' main activities in the workroom have centred on soft toy making, embroidery and knitting, and articles of high standard have been produced. Their department has two sewing machines, one a simple hand-operated type, on which the girls receive their initial training, one of their tasks being the making of gingham work aprons for their own use. Two girls have progressed sufficiently to use the 'Slant-O-Matic' machine.

A cheque for £250 was presented by the Northwich Branch of the National Society for Mentally Handicapped Children. Part of this donation has been spent on the installation of an amplifier system throughout the Centre.

Junior Training Centre.

The Junior Training Centre was opened on 13th April, 1964, with forty-eight children and three Staff (consisting of a Supervisor and two Assistants), three weeks later a third Assistant Supervisor joined the Staff.

The infant and junior groups are run on nursery and early infant lines with the emphasis on learning through play and free activity. In the senior group (12 to 16 year olds) the emphasis is on fostering social competence in order to help the children be as independent as possible. Instruction in simple number concepts, money values, time-telling and writing is given, together with practice in recognition of a "social sight vocabulary" of words useful both inside and outside the Centre.

Practical craft instruction is given in simple housecraft, sewing, knitting, embroidery, gardening and the use of simple constructional apparatus. Physical education plays an important part throughout the Centre. This includes music and movement, dancing, games, simple gymnastics and the use of apparatus such as the climbing frame; these activities contribute greatly to the posture, co-ordination and inherent sense of rhythm. Plenty of opportunity is given for imaginative work such as art, also drama, mime and music. The children gave a very successful performance at Christmas of "Hansel and Gretel" in mime to music, and a Nativity Play, to a large audience of parents and friends.

During the summer two students from the National Association for Mental Health Diploma Course worked at the Centre during their teaching practice. Miss Gordon, the Advisory Mental Welfare Officer, Ministry of Health, also visited during the summer term.

A cheque for £250 was presented by the Northwich Branch of the National Society for Mentally Handicapped Children, it being suggested by the Society that the money should be used to purchase a new piano and other items of extra equipment which included a climbing frame, multi-purpose unit, balance bar, paddling pool, sand-tray for outside use, a wigwam and sufficient wood for four plant troughs (which were made by one of the parents). These facilities have been of considerable benefit to the children, and the generosity and interest of the Society is greatly appreciated. The remainder of this gift was put towards the Summer Outing to Southport on 17th July, 1964. It was a very happy day made possible to a great extent from the funds raised at a Coffee Evening organised by a group of parents. A gift of £5.5.0d. was also received from the Inner Wheel, Northwich.

The children had a Christmas Party on 22nd December, 1964, and the proceeds of a further Coffee Evening together with a grant from the County Treasurer paid for the party and refreshments for parents and friends, and also ensured that there was a gift for each child. The Centre was visited by Father Christmas who distributed the gifts. The final Christmas entertainment was a show of children's films.

In 1963 a projector was presented to the Local Society for Mentally Handicapped Children by the Castle Branch of the Friends of the Spastics for use by the Social Club. The Society was of the opinion that this equipment should be used to its utmost, and loaned it to the Junior and Adult Training Centres for their use. In the autumn of 1964 a cine camera was presented to the Society, again by the Castle Branch of the Friends of the Spastics, and this camera also has been made available for use in both Training Centres when required.

A Social Club has been held fortnightly on Tuesday evenings at the Junior Centre. This is a joint effort and is run by the Supervisor of the Centre together with Members of the National Association for Mentally Handicapped Children. Children over twelve from the Junior Centre and a number of younger trainees from the Adult Centre living in and around Northwich, attend the Club. The necessary transport is kindly provided by members of the Rotary Club and other interested people.

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A P P E N D I X

FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC.

A Family Planning Association Clinic is held every Monday from 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. at the County Council Clinic Centre, Weaver St., Winsford.

LUNCHEON CLUBS.

Luncheon Clubs are held at Northwich, Barnton, Comberbach and Cuddington - applications to The Secretary, Northwich Council of Social Service, The Salt Museum, Northwich (Tel. No. Northwich 2393).

MEALS ON WHEELS SERVICE.

Northwich Urban District - applications to Mrs. Stott, W.V.S. Organiser, "The Laurels", Norley Road, Cuddington, Northwich.

Northwich Rural District - applications to W.V.S. Organisers:-
Mrs. M. Readman, Delamere Lodge, Delamere
(services in Barnton and Weaverham).
Mrs. S. Hickman Smith, "Monkstone", Sutton Field, Whitegate (services in Hartford and Davenham).
Mrs. G. Bark, "Glenthorne", High St., Tarporley
(services in the Tarporley area).

Winsford Urban District - Mrs. O.O. Bellamy, W.V.S. Organiser, 44, Swanlow Lane, Winsford, Cheshire.

Middlewich Urban District - Mrs. R.A. Neill, W.V.S. Organiser, Nantwich Road, Middlewich.

OLD PEOPLE'S CLUBS.

	<u>Secretary</u>
Barnton Old Friends' Club, Lydyett Lane, Barnton.	Mrs. Alcock, 120, Church Road, Barnton.
Castle & Winnington Old Friends' Club, Barbers Lane, Queensgate, Northwich.	Mrs. Shaw, 7, Darwin Street, Castle.
Comberbach & Marbury Over 60's Club, Memorial Hall, Comberbach, Northwich.	Mrs. Kellett, "Freeleen", Marbury Rd., Comberbach.
Cuddington & Sandiway Old Friends' Club, Church Hall, Sandiway, Northwich.	Mrs. Tomkinson, "Kedah", Chester Rd., Sandiway.
Darby & Joan Club, W.V.S. Civil Defence Centre, Hayhurst Street, Northwich.	Mrs. Vernon, "Frاندor", Lime Ave., Northwich.
Davenham Old Friends' Club, Davenham Social Club, Friths Fields.	Mrs. Rowe, 29, Firths Fields, Davenham.
Hartford Over 60's Club, Hartford Church Hall.	Mrs. Griffiths, 149, Chester Road, Northwich.
Leftwich Estate Over 60's Club, Farm of the Good Shepherd, Leftwich.	Mrs. Faloon, 302, London Road, Leftwich.
Lostock Gralam Monday Club, Lostock Social Club.	Mrs. Morris, 3, Prospect Drive, Davenham.
Moulton Old Friends' Club, Moulton Church Hall.	Mrs. Allman, "Clovelly", Niddries Lane, Moulton.
Northwich Pensioners' Association, Gladstone Club, Northwich.	Mr. Hornbuckle, 3, St. John's Close, Rudheath.
Rudheath Old Friends' Club, Youth Club, Rudheath, Northwich.	Mrs. Stubbs, "Inglewood", King St., Rudheath.

Club

Secretary

Tarporley Autumn Club,
Community Centre, Tarporley.

Mrs. Wilkinson,
High Street, Tarporley, Ches.

Weaverham Old Friends' Club,
Weaverham Church Hall.

Mrs. Winterbottom,
39, Owley Wood Road, Weaverham.

Whitegate Old Friends' Club,
Whitegate Recreation Club.

Mrs. Loadbeater,
"Wood End Cottage", Whitegate.

Wincham Old Friends' Club,
Wincham Church School.

Mr. Smith,
106, Pickmere Lane, Wincham.

Witton - Darby & Joan Club,
Bourne Methodist School Room,
Witton Street, Northwich.

Mrs. Skellon,
46, Victoria Road, Northwich.

Veterans' Club,
Castle Park Dairies, Castle, Northwich.

Mr. S. Rogerson,
366, London Road, Northwich.

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Over 60's Club, The Institute,
Queen Street, Middlewich.

Mrs. R.R. Dalby,
Stanthorne Hall, Clive, Winsford.

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Darby & Joan Club, Wharton Road
Methodist Sunday School Rooms,
Winsford.

Applications for membership to:-
The Secretary of the Ladies' Cttee.,
c/o Over Hall, Winsford.

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Club Rooms open daily in Middlewich -

Fountain Field Sports Ground, building adjacent to the Bowling and Putting Greens.
Room adjacent to the Chadwick Fields Home, newspapers and periodicals available,
also the use of a small billiard table and other games.

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